

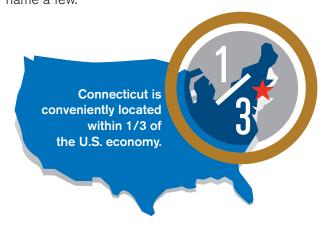
A powerful network of global OEMs and local suppliers

Since the 1700s, when Connecticut's own Eli Whitney first patented the cotton gin, Connecticut has been a center for manufacturing innovation. More than two centuries later, the state is still home to manufacturing pioneers — from multinational Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to leading suppliers of components, composites and related services of all types. Together, they form one of America's most mature manufacturing ecosystems — powering today's advances in precision processes, breakthrough fabrications and patented products.

The ideal location for a Northeast hub

One of the reasons so many manufacturers continue to be attracted to Connecticut is its central location in the Northeast. Not only is the state served by major interstate highways, ports and transportation centers, but Central Connecticut is also within a 500-mile drive from one-third of the U.S. economy and two-thirds of the Canadian economy.

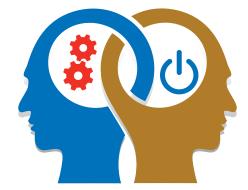
No wonder nearly 4,500 manufacturers operate in Connecticut, including such well-respected leaders as General Dynamics Electric Boat, Sikorsky, GE, Pratt & Whitney, Proton OnSite and FuelCell Energy, just to name a few.



Source: 2015 Connecticut Economic Review.

33% higher concentration of high-tech workers than national average

TOP 4 in nation for the productivity of the workforce



Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2012.

A highly productive, skilled workforce

What keeps so many proven and emerging leaders up and running is Connecticut's exceptional workforce. The talent here is both highly skilled — and very productive. In fact, the state has a 33% higher concentration of high-tech workers than the national average and ranks third in the nation for percentage of employees with advanced degrees. Better still, those workers are among the most productive in the nation, drawn here by the quality of work as well as the quality of life.

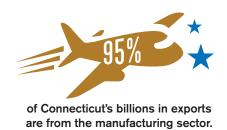


Advanced Manufacturing in CT

Exporting billions throughout the world

While manufacturing creates many in-state jobs, it also exports significantly overseas. In recent years, Connecticut manufacturers have exported more than \$16.4 billion in goods around the world. The top recipients of CT's exports include France, Canada, Germany and Mexico.

All totaled, the output from the manufacturing sector accounts for nearly 95% of the state's exports.



Source: National Association of Manufacturers, Connecticut Manufacturing Facts, 2014.

Investing millions in local companies

The state of Connecticut offers extensive support for manufacturers of all types and all sizes, including:

- Economic and Manufacturing Assistance Act, which provides incentive-driven direct loans for a variety of projects that offer strong economic development potential
- Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund, which invests in business and industry initiatives to support growth, innovation, technology and progress of Connecticut's manufacturers through loans and grants
- Manufacturing Innovation Fund Voucher Program, funded through the CMIF, provides matching grants to help manufacturers significantly improve productivity, efficiency and competitiveness
- Small Business Express Program, which provides technical assistance and access to capital through revolving loans, incentive-driven loans and matching grants



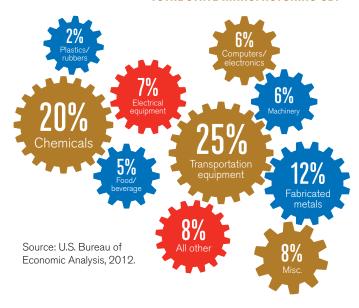
is invested through the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund (CMIF) to drive new products/services and facilitate worker training.

Home to a diverse array of manufacturers

Of course, Connecticut has long been one of the world's centers for aerospace manufacturing and shipbuilding. But those are only two key components powering the state's incredibly diverse manufacturing sector. Connecticut's remarkable range of products has earned it an "A" for diversification from the national *Manufacturing and Logistics Report*.

Source: Connecticut Business and Industry Association, *Connecticut Manufacturing: Building on the Past, Creating Our Future*, 2012.

TOP MANUFACTURING SUBSECTORS BY PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STATE MANUFACTURING GDP



See for yourself why Connecticut has such a proven track record — and promising future — as a national center for advanced manufacturing. For more information on what advantages the state can offer you, simply visit **CTforBusiness.com** or call **(800) 392-2122.**

